

# The Cost of Crime & Victimization



- In a 2008 report (most recent year this data was collected), for crimes both reported and not reported to the police, the total economic loss to victims was \$1.19 billion for violent crime and \$16.21 billion for property crime.
- State compensation programs spent a record combined total of \$499.9 million in state and federal funds in federal fiscal year 2010. Spending levels are up approximately 16% from those of 5 years ago, and almost 72% from 10 years.
- In 2010, an estimated \$456 million in losses were attributed to robberies reported to the police. The average dollar value of property stolen per robbery offense was \$1,239.
- In 2010, the average dollar loss due to arson was \$17,612.
- In 2010, there were an estimated 6,185,867 larceny-thefts reported to the police nationwide. The average value of property taken during larceny-thefts was \$988 per offense. Nationally, the loss to victims was over \$6.1 billion.
- In 2010, households in the lowest income category (less than \$7,500 per year) had a higher overall property victimization rate (168.7 per 1,000 households), compared to households earning \$75,000 or more (119.3 per 1,000).
- An estimated 27,500 fires were intentionally set to structures in 2010, an increase of 3.8 percent from 2009. These fires resulted in 200 civilian deaths and \$585 million in property loss (a decrease of 14.5 percent from 2009).
- Approximately 14,000 fires were intentionally set to vehicles in 2010, resulting in \$89 million in property damage, a 17.6 percent decrease from 2009.
- In 2010, the average dollar loss per burglary offense was \$2,119. The total amount lost to burglaries was an estimated \$4.6 billion.
- Victim compensation programs distributed \$499.9 million in 2010.
- In 2010, a greater percentage of violent victimizations (51%) than property victimizations (39%) were reported to police. More than half of all serious violent victimizations (58%) were reported to the police, compared to 47% of simple assaults.
- The percentage of victims of violent crimes who suffered an injury during the victimization increased from 24% in 2008 to 29% in 2010.
- In 2009, the total amount of money lost from all cases of Internet fraud referred to law enforcement for investigation was \$559.7 million. This was more than double the amount of \$264.6 million reported in 2008. The median dollar loss in 2009 was \$575 per complaint.
- In 2009, consumers reporting fraud to the Federal Trade Commission lost a total of more than \$1.7 billion dollars.

## Economic Loss to Victims

Type of Crime	Gross Loss (in millions)	Total Number of Crimes
<b>All Crimes</b>	<b>\$17,397</b>	<b>21,312,400</b>
Personal Crimes	1,190	4,993,220
Crimes of Violence	1,144	4,856,510
Purse Snatching	3	28,400
Pocket Picking	43	108,310
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>\$16,207</b>	<b>16,319,180</b>
Household Burglary	4,906	3,188,620
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,833	795,160
Theft	6,468	12,335,400
<b>Male</b>	<b>\$9,174</b>	<b>10,656,260</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>\$8,224</b>	<b>10,656,140</b>

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